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Cottonwood Police Arrest Kidnapping Suspect in Anthem

In the early morning hours of May 11th, Cottonwood Police were notified by family members that 31 year old Gabina Salcido Cano was possibly kidnapped. Family members of Cano reported she was to be home from her place of work at around 10 PM the night of the 10th but she never arrived. Further reports from the family indicated that Cano had in recent months been harassed and stalked by the 25 year old suspect, Gilberto Adan Aguayo-Rodriguez, a resident of Agua Prieta, Mexico. While searching for Cano, family members located her vehicle in a secluded area near her place of employment. One of Cano's shoes was found lying on the ground away from the vehicle near a small pool blood.

Cottonwood Police sent out an alert for the suspect and vehicle he was known to drive to all Arizona Law Enforcement Agencies as well as adjoining states and all border crossings. Phoenix Police Department located the vehicle in parking lot of the Anthem Wal Mart after receiving a call from an employee stating a female in the store had given them a note asking them to call police as she had been kidnapped. According to reports, Aguayo-Rodriguez stopped at the Wal Mart to change a flat tire. Cano was able to get away from Aguayo-Rodriguez long enough to alert a store employee of her dire situation. Phoenix Police contacted Aguayo-Rodriguez and held him until Cottonwood Police Detectives and an Investigator for the Yavapai County Attorney's Office could arrive on scene. Cano was noted to have numerous injuries consistent with a struggle and being forcibly restrained and was treated for her injuries.

The Yavapai County Attorney's Office issued a warrant for Aguayo-Rodriguez for Kidnapping per Domestic Violence and Aggravated Assault per Domestic Violence. Aguayo-Rodriguez was taken into custody on the warrant and transported back to Yavapai County where the investigation continues. Aguayo-Rodriguez is possibly facing numerous other Felony charges. A request has also forwarded to Homeland Security and Immigration to check Aguayo-Rodriguez's immigration status. The case is still under investigation.

****(Photo not available at this time. Please contact YCSO Jail later today for booking photo of Aguayo-Rodriguez)****